

WHEREAS, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, is the third annual National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks as parks are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat childhood obesity-related health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, and asthma; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

NOW THEREFORE, the MAYOR AND COUNCIL of Rockville, Maryland do hereby proclaim May 18 2013, as National Kids to Parks Day and urge the residents of Rockville to make time that day to take the children in their lives to one of the many great City of Rockville Parks.

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